ANYWAYS...
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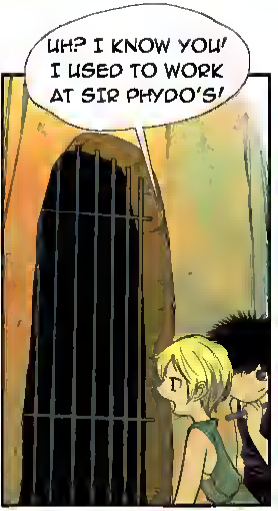
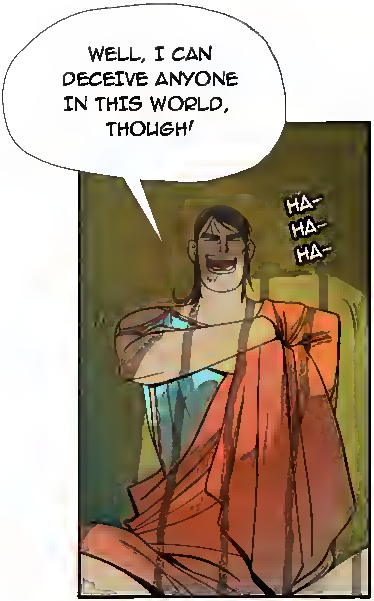
NICE TO MEET YOU!

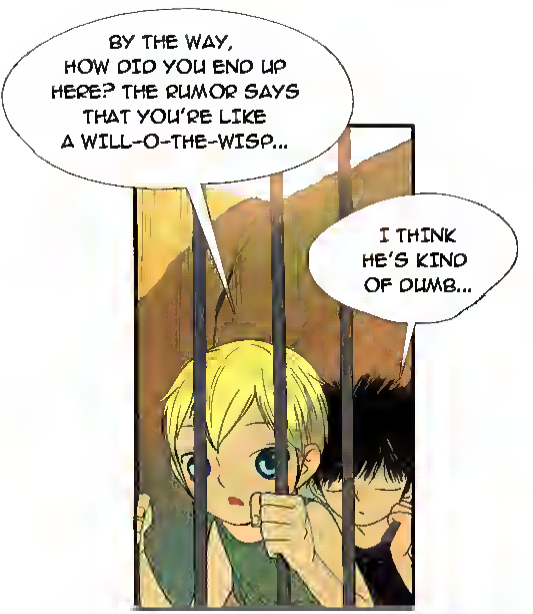
MY NAME IS THEO, THE GREATEST FRAUD IN GREECE!
I PREFER TO BE CALLED "SIR" THEO!


UH? I KNOW YOU! I USED TO WORK AT SIR PHYDO'S!

PHYDO? AH, RIGHT! HE'S KIND OF A SLAVE OF MONEY.

IT WAS TOO EASY TO TRICK HIM.

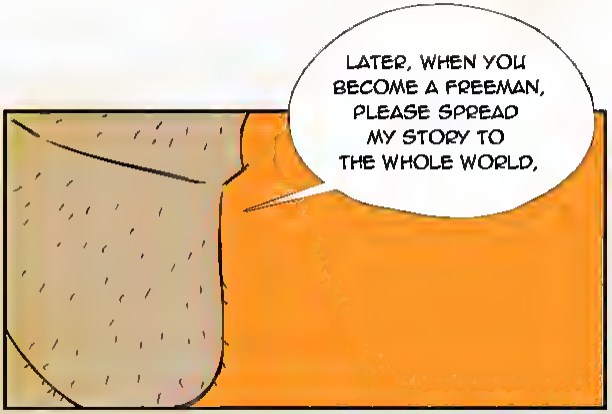

WELL, I CAN DECEIVE ANYONE IN THIS WORLD, THOUGH!
HA- HA- HA-


BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU END UP HERE? THE RUMOR SAYS THAT YOU'RE LIKE A WILL-O-THE-WISP...
I THINK HE'S KIND OF DUMB...

YOU'RE CERTAINLY HIS FRIEND. AESOP ASKED ME THE EXACT SAME QUESTION.

OKAY!
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW, I'LL TELL YOU MY STORY TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND BETTER.

I'LL DIE SOON, ANYWAY. AND THERE IS NOBODY I CAN TALK TO, SO...


LATER, WHEN YOU BECOME A FREEMAN, PLEASE SPREAD MY STORY TO THE WHOLE WORLD,

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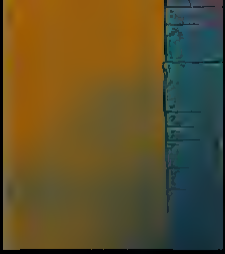
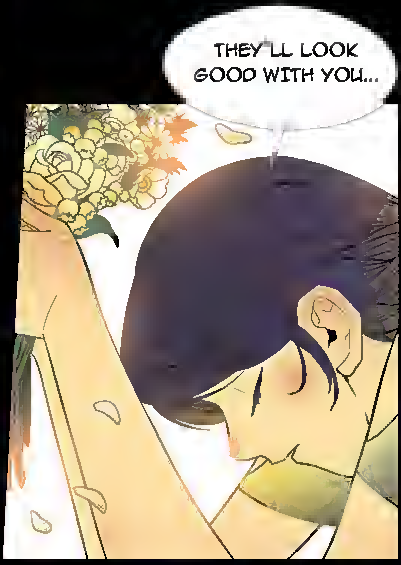
MY FATHER WAS A BUSINESSMAN AND ARISTOCRAT IN MILLETUS.

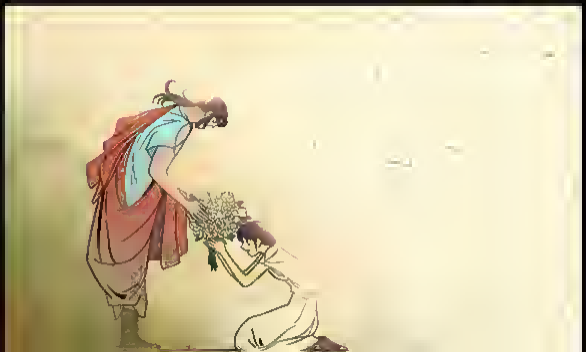


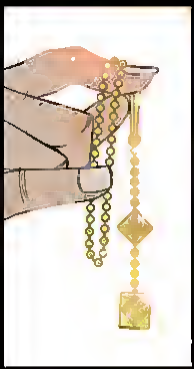
ONE DAY, A NEW SLAVE GIRL CAME TO SERVE ME.

I BROUGHT FLOWERS FOR YOU



SHE WAS SUCH A PRETTY GIRL WITH A GOOD HEART.

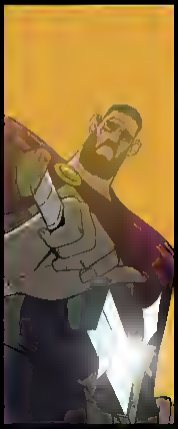




I FELL IN LOVE WITH HER...

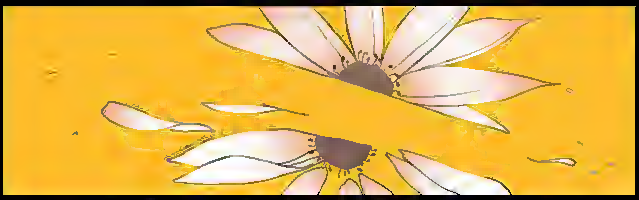
AND I UNWISELY ASKED MY FATHER TO ALLOW ME TO MARRY HER.

AFTER HE HEARD WHAT I SAID...



YOU ARE INFATUATED BY HER EYES.
A SLAVE IS ONLY A SLAVE!

HE TOOK HER EYES AWAY.



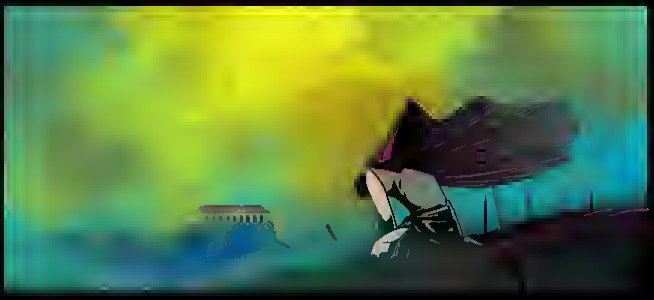
MY FATHER WAS THAT KIND OF A MAN...

A COLD-BLOODED WARMONGER WITH NO HEART.

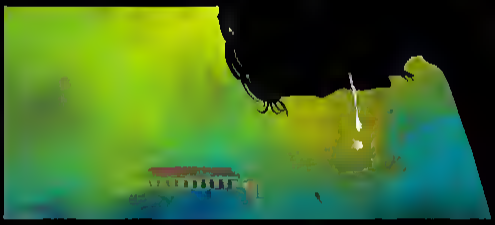
WAR WAS A GOOD BUSINESS TO HIM. YOU COULD GET A LOT OF TERRITORY AND THE SPOILS. IF YOU START A WAR WITH SOLDIERS PROVIDED FROM THE GOVERNMENT

BUT IN CASE OF DEFEAT,
YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR ALL THE DAMAGES.

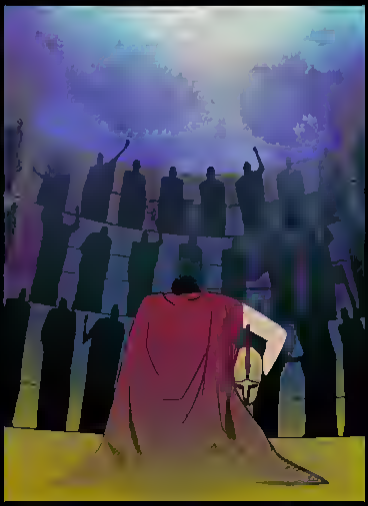
PERHAPS,
HE WAS PUNISHED FOR TAKING HER EYES AWAY.
MY FATHER SUFFERED A CRUSHING DEFEAT.



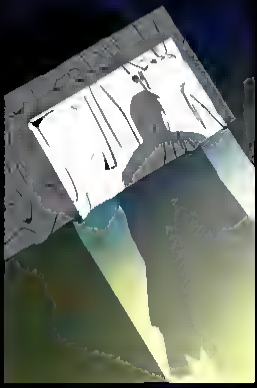
WHAT CAME LATER WAS THE PROBLEM.



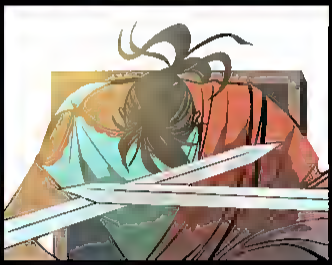
BECAUSE HE HAD
TO PAY FOR DAMAGES.



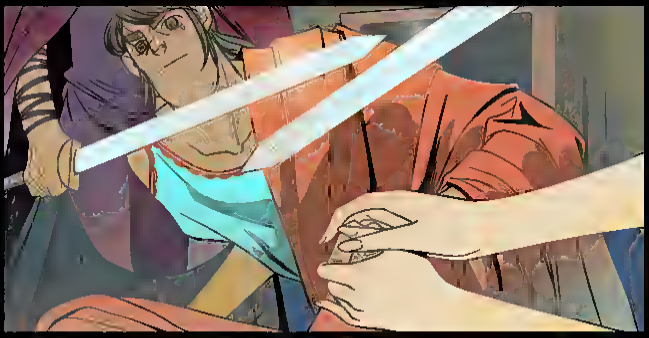
MY FATHER LAY SICK IN BED BECAUSE OF THE SHOCK AND PASSED AWAY.



AND I INHERITED HIS DEBTS TO THE GOVERNMENT.



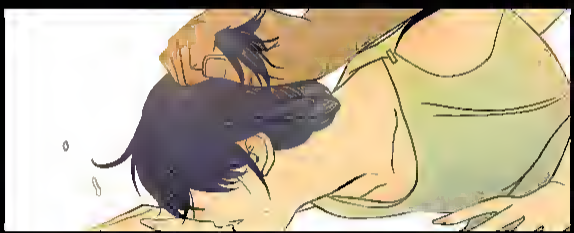
DURING THOSE HARD TIMES WHEN I WAS LOSING EVERYTHING,



SHE STOOD BY ME.

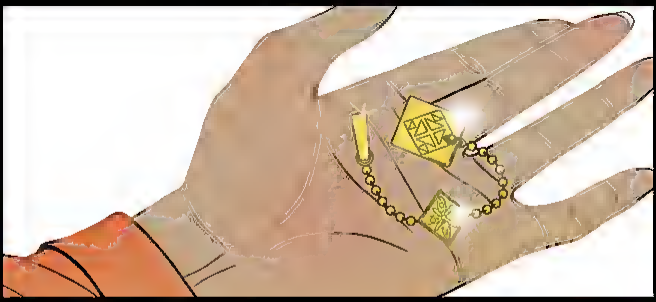
A POOR WRETCH
WITH A WARM HEART.

AT LONG LAST, I WANTED TO
PROTECT HER TO THE END,

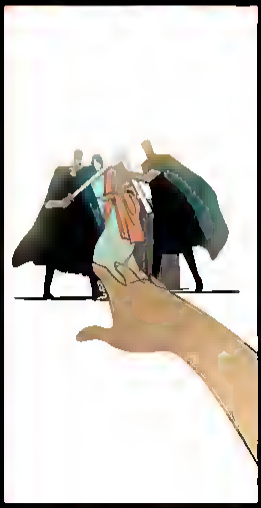


SHE WAS ALSO PART OF MY PROPERTY INHERITED FROM MY FATHER.

SO, THEY TOOK HER AWAY FROM ME.



AFTER THAT,



I HAVE NEVER SEEN HER.

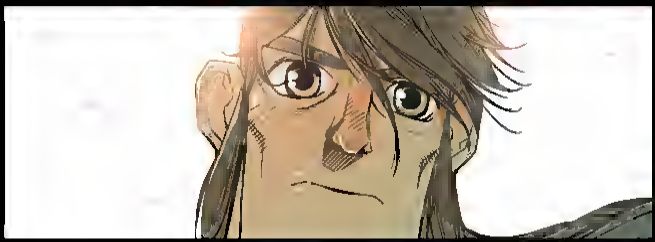
THEN, I LEFT MILLETUS AND WANDERED FROM PLACE TO PLACE FOR 15 YEARS.

AFTER SOME TIME,
I FOUND MYSELF BECAME A FRAUD,
BECAUSE I COULDN'T SURVIVE
UNLESS I FOOLED OTHERS.

MAYBE, I HAVE BEEN TAKING REVENGE ON THIS WORLD WHICH THREW ITS BACK ON ME.

THEN, ONE DAY, I CAME TO ATHENS.

I SAW THE DAUGHTER OF PATHATOS
WHO RESEMBLED HER.



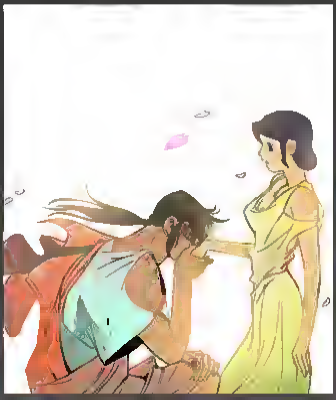
SHE LOOKED JUST LIKE HER.
WELL, ANYONE WOULD THINK THEY ARE ALIKE,
IF THEY HAD SEEN THEM BOTH.

DID SHE REBORN? IT'S BEEN 15 YEARS.
SO, IF SHE DIED THEN AND WAS REBORN,
SHE WOULD BE ABOUT HER AGE...

IT DIDN'T MATTER AT ALL WHETHER
THE DAUGHTER OF DATHATOS IS HER OR NOT.

I JUST LOOKED AT HER LIKE A BIRD AWAKEN FROM LONG WINTER SLEEP.

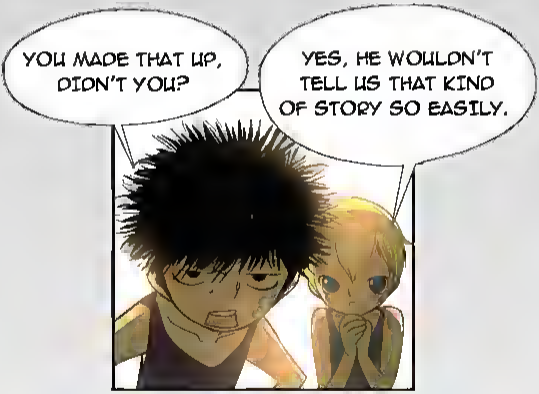
BEFORE I KNEW IT,
I WAS KISSING ON THE GIRL'S HAND
LIKE SHE DID TO ME 15 YEARS AGO.

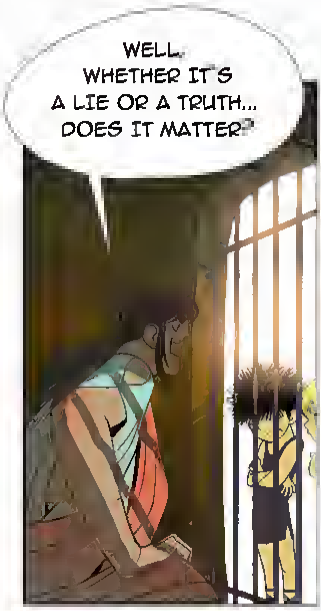


AND...

KARGH

AND EVERYTHING CHANGED.
WELL, I'D SAY I WENT BACK TO THE BEGINNING. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS, I WAS HONEST WITH MYSELF.
THAT MAKES ME DISQUALIFIED AS A FRAUD.


YOU MADE THAT UP, DIDN'T YOU?
YES, HE WOULDN'T TELL US THAT KIND OF STORY SO EASILY.


WELL.
WHETHER IT'S
A LIE OR A TRUTH...
DOES IT MATTER?

NOTHING CHANGES.
ARGH
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG

HEY, THEO!

YOU HAVE A VISITOR CALLED PHYDO.
IT SEEMS HE HAS A LOT OF THINGS TO ASK YOU. COME WITH US.

AFTER ALL, WE ARE...
MERE ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH NO POWER.